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from Role in His Shows Keating Sees Democrats Discouraged

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Washington—Sen. Kenneth B. Keating, Rochester Republican, said yesterday that there is "a grain of truth" to reports that top Kennedy administration officials are trying to curb the appearances of leading Democrats on his television and radio shows.

"But I have seen no evidence of a concerted effort along those lines," Keating said.

"If I do," he declared, "I'll have something to say."

"One prominent Democrat," Keating commented,

I don't imagine the White House liked what she said. The present ambassador to the United Nations — Adlai Stevenson.

The Maine Republican charged that some Democrats are trying to use the Central Intelligence Agency "as a dumping ground for the 1960 campaign statements of Candidate Kennedy."

She referred to statements by Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., and others that a sharp down-grading of estimate on Russian missile and combat strength by CIA had eliminated the "missile gap."

President Kennedy, Symington and other Democratic speechmakers said in the

"was all set to appear on my program. He called back and said he couldn't go on."

Keating did not elaborate beyond making his "grain-of-truth" statement.

Presidential press secretary Pierre Salinger said he knew "nothing at all" about moves to stop key Democrats from going on Keating's programs.

"I would think that people on the New Frontier could decide for themselves whether they want to go on the Keating shows," Salinger stated.

Informed of Salinger's comment, Keating said, "I hope they'll leave it at that—I'm not anxious to stir up anything."

MANY LEADING administration officials have been interviewed on TV and radio by Keating in the last several months, most recently defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara.

"They come on my programs because I let them have their say," Keating said. "Of course, that works both ways. My guest last week was Sen. Margaret Chase Smith.

1960 presidential campaign that Russia held a wide margin in long-range missiles and blamed the Eisenhower administration for letting this "missile gap" develop.

MEANWHILE, Rep. Emanuel Celler, D-N.Y., has been identified in a published story as one of the Democrats irritated at the number of his colleagues appearing on Keating's programs.

But Celler has denied the story in heated terms. He also telephoned Keating to say it was untrue and that he

would do all he could to correct it.

Keating's feat is getting astronaut John Glenn to make a brief appearance on his TV show recently backed up scores of Democratic congressmen with TV-radio programs of their own.

Glenn's appearance on Keating's show was the only one of its kind that he made.

"The Democratic reaction was understandable," Keating observed.

And who do you think Keating's next guest will be? He'll be the two demo-